



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Health Services
Director of Community and Senior Services

At its meeting held February 17, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“On December 31, 2003, the Director of Health Services submitted a report in response to the Board’s request regarding Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Programs in Los Angeles County. The report addressed the status of the Adult Day Health Care Planning Council, in view of State legislation passed in May 2003 (SBX 124) eliminating the statutory authority of county planning councils to review ADHC applications.

“As the report describes, Adult Day Health Care programs provide a variety of State mandated medical and social services during daytime hours to disabled and elderly Medi-Cal recipients. The services, for which the centers are reimbursed at a rate of approximately \$70 per person, per day, are intended to help maintain the independent living status of many clients who would otherwise require care in a skilled nursing facility.

“The report described the rapid proliferation of Los Angeles County ADHC programs, which grew from 37 ADHC centers in 1999 to 178 centers in 2003. The report also described for the first time the magnitude of Medi-Cal dollars flowing into these programs, which totaled \$158 million in Los Angeles County in Fiscal Year 2003/2004, or an average of nearly \$1 million per provider.

“According to the report, ADHC centers are randomly distributed throughout the County. The areas served by these centers are not always those areas with the greatest need. There is also a concern about over concentration in some communities. Planning Council attendees have also expressed concerns about the credentials of ADHC providers, recruitment practices and substandard service levels.

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“These factors underscore the need for a rational planning process in the certification of new ADHC programs, and for quality oversight of existing programs. The rapidly increasing flow of funds into ADHC centers underscores the need for appropriate fiscal oversight and accountability.

“Unfortunately, the Adult Day Health Care Planning Council, which, until recently, was tasked to review applications from potential ADHC providers and make recommendations to the California Department of Aging regarding these applications, has not had the legal or regulatory authority to effectively carry out these functions. According to the report, the Planning Council has had minimal impact on the proliferation of ADHC centers, since the State routinely approves new applications. Furthermore, August 31, 2003 was the sunset review date of the Planning Council. Now that the State has repealed the legislative requirements for, and authority of, local Planning Councils, and centralized future oversight functions with State agencies, the continuation of Los Angeles County’s Adult Day Health Care Planning Council cannot be justified.”

Therefore, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Thank the members of the Adult Day Health Care Planning Council and its staff for their dedicated service to improve the health and lives of older adults in Los Angeles County;
2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to notify the Chairperson of the Adult Day Health Care Planning Council and all appropriate County Departments of the termination of County support for activities relating to the operation of the Adult Day Health Care Planning Council, including the provision of meeting space and staff support for Council meetings and activities;
3. Approve the introduction and order placed on the agenda for adoption an ordinance disbanding the Adult Day Health Care Planning Council; and

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4. Instruct the Director of Health Services to:

- a) Share his report with the Directors of the California Department of Health Services and California Department of Aging, and inform these agencies of the dissolution of the Adult Day Health Care Planning Council; and
- b) Send a letter to the Governor urging that, as part of California Medi-Cal reform efforts, his Administration review the program administration, regulation, and financing of the Adult Day Health Care program.

Dr. Jay A. Shah addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion be amended to direct the Director of Community and Senior Services to report back in 60 days on the feasibility of expanding the role of the Area Agency on Aging, or other appropriate councils/commissions, to include maintenance of quality Adult Day Care Services in Los Angeles County. Supervisor Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion as amended, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich was unanimously carried.

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